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## A GLANCE AT KORESHANITY.

**K**ORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY is a complete system of the Science of the great Universe of life; and it involves the knowledge of the Creator and his creation. The name by which it is designated, in contradistinction to perverted Christianity, is KORESHANITY; and the new Religion must supplant Christianity, as Christianity supplanted Judaism. Koreshanity has come to fulfil the hope of the world in the liberation of humanity from the curse, in the establishment of the Kingdom of God in earth, the introduction of the New Era of Light and Life, of universal harmony and happiness.

What does Koreshanity teach? We present a brief summary of the System—a few cardinal points, which will serve to suggest the great scope of the System in its completeness. It is the antithesis of all modern theories, of all schools of thought. It is the climax of all mental progress, the ultimate and absolute truth of Being and Existence; it is the revelation of all mystery, the uncovering of the occult; the true explanation of all phenomena, the scientific interpretation of Nature and the Bible.

**COSMOGONY.**—The universe is a cell, a hollow globe, the physical body of which is the earth; the sun is at the center. We live on the inside of the cell; and the sun, moon, planets, and stars are all within the globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

**ALCHEMY.**—The Science of Alchemy is the Philosopher's Stone, the Key to the mystery of life. Chemistry is false; Alchemy is true! Matter and energy are interconvertible and interdependent; they are correlates; matter is destructible; the result of its transmutation is energy. Alchemy is the key to the analysis of the universe.

**THEOLOGY.**—God is personal and biune, with a trinity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-man or the man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

**MESSIANIC LAW.**—The coming of the Messiah is as inevitable as the reproduction of the seed. The divine Seed was sown nineteen hundred years ago; the firstfruit is another Messianic personality. The Messiah is now in the world, declaring the scientific Gospel.

**REINCARNATION** is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

**THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.**—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity,—not in the sky.

**HUMAN DESTINY.**—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

**IMMORTALITY IN THE FLESH.**—Koreshanity declares and defines the laws of immortality, and its attainment in the natural world. The first step is recognition of the Messiah and the application of his truth. KORESH was the first in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the natural world, in the flesh.

**CELIBACY.**—The saving of human life consists in the conservation and appropriation of life in humanity. To become immortal, one must cease to propagate life on the plane of mortality. The standard of Koreshan purity is the virgin life of Jesus the Messiah. The Central Order of the Koreshan Unity is Celibate and Communistic. Celibacy obtains in the central nucleus, never in the world at large.

**PSYCHOLOGY.**—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the

human brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

**THE BIBLE.**—The Bible is the best written expression of the divine Mind; it is written in the language of universal symbolism, and must be scientifically interpreted. Koreshanity demonstrates the truth and scientific accuracy of the Scriptures, and proves its astronomy, alchemy, theology, ethnology, etc. There is no conflict between the Bible and genuine Science; the Bible and the natural universe must agree in their expression of the divine Mind.

**COMMUNISM.**—Koreshanity advocates communism, not only of the goods of life, but of life itself. It has not only the scientific theory of communism, but is practically communistic in the relations and affairs of its own people. In this it corresponds to the primitive Christian church, where all things were held in common. The bond of the true communism is the true religion, and the central personality of the divine communism is the Messiah.

**KORESHAN SOCIALISM.**—Our Social System is patterned after the form of the natural cosmos; that form is the natural expression of the laws of order. We demonstrate the fallacy of competition; advocate the destruction of the money-power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of the goods of life. Koreshanity will abolish wage slavery, and make it impossible for men to accumulate wealth and impoverish the people.

**CHURCH AND STATE.**—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Koreshan Government is the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic; and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is emplaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.



# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Rational System of Koreshan Science.

Mistakes of Pseudo-Reformers and Their Futile Attacks on Koreshanity; Sources of Pernicious Doctrines; Modern Science Without a Proven Premise.

IT IS VERY AMUSING to watch the mental gymnastics of the acrobat of the *Lucifer* circus, in his attempts to exhibit the doctrines of Koreshan theology in contrast with *Lucifer's* hobby, "Motherhood in freedom." We do not object to any hobby that *Lucifer* or any other pseudo-reformer may undertake. We have never seen any very pronounced results toward the improvement of the race, on the lines laid down by the advocates of promiscuity in the application of the propagative law. We have never seen an argument founded on an established premise, put forth by the advocates of this effort to revolutionize the marital methods and systems of the world.

It is a rule with the Koreshan philosopher, to state and prove his premise. The first step must be defined and demonstrated before he argues any question. We do not know the premise of the advocates of this philosophy, first very publicly advocated by Victoria Woodhull. We ask for a statement of a premise, and then we demand that the premise be proven before we will accept the accuracy of a conclusion. It matters not what subject we argue; if we *assume* the premise, and reason logically to a conclusion, the conclusion is an assumption, equally with the initial guess. We mean by this, that if we guess at the first step in an argument, and reason perfectly, we guess at the conclusion. The Koreshan social system, its political system, its theological and propagative systems are all founded upon a primary and demonstrated premise. In confronting the so called "sciences," we meet no arguments because we meet the admission that the premise of the various

"sciences" is an assumption; therefore we are not compelled to meet anything that may be called logic. What, then, do we confront in the opposition to our efforts to present Koreshanity to the world? Merely the consummate ignorance of agnosticism.

The material basis of the Koreshan System is found in the language of causation, as projected in the form and function of the physical universe. It is maintained by many of the pseudo-reformers of these modern times, that the surest means of obtaining the truth is by receding into the "silence," and receiving from *within* the truth that comes by intuition, or by esoteric processes. If it could be demonstrated that all who enter the "silence" derive the *same character of inspiration*, it would be at least one argument in its favor. But it is a fact, that no two persons who depend on intuition for the absolute truth, derive the same interpretations of the things they seek. Esoteric or intuitive methods for the discovery of the principles and forms of the exoteric world and its interests, are exceedingly vague, uncertain, and contradictory. We observe the things of material existence through the natural senses. Things are not as they appear, but there is a method of determining—from the true interpretation of facts—the realities of Nature. When our intuitions conflict with our senses, it may be laid down as a certainty that our intuitions are from inaccurate sources; and this statement may be relied upon, when it is known that the intuitions of different people are at utter variance.

Intuitions, or things derived by esoteric means, are



the influxes of other minds—either externally or internally projected. Every mind in the universe is constantly the recipient of the thoughts of other minds. If the mind subjects itself to the intuitive influxes of other minds through self-hypnotism, or by receding into the “silence,” as it is called, or by putting itself into a negative state, other more positive mental forces flow in from the interiors of the stronger sources. Every person who subjects the self to the negative condition of this so called “silence,” derives an influx from some other mind, and intuitively believes what that other mind has foisted. The most pronounced difficulty of this esoteric or intuitive method of gaining knowledge, is that the intuitions of no two agree, and its sources are dubious. It will require but little observation to confirm this statement of fact. It may be very satisfactory to a lazy mind to assume the negative state and open itself to mental influxes which readily pass for spiritual experiences, but it is very dangerous, and a very uncertain way of obtaining knowledge.

True knowledge can only be gained through the correct interpretation of Nature, or through the subjection of the mind to the action of the very central Mind of the universe itself. The only method, in this day and age of the world, is to compare the inspiration with the interpretation of Nature, which is founded upon an exact demonstration of a material and natural premise. Esoteric and exoteric derivations of principles or doctrines must agree, and this agreement must be founded upon correct exoteric interpretations of Nature, as founded upon a primary demonstration. The Theology of the Koreshan System is predicated upon a demonstrated premise. The premise has been proven; it is safe, therefore, to logically proceed with the sequences of this first step in the argument to the final and logical conclusion. If in the examination of any man's philosophy we find it to disagree with our conclusions, it is not essential that we examine *any part* of it, for the reason that we have demonstrated our premise, reached a logical conclusion from our first and absolute demonstration, and finding the opponent's philosophy in disagreement, it is not worth while to give it any consideration.

So called “motherhood in freedom” as a means of perfecting or improving the race from the basis of the mortal and sensual nature, is contrary to every principle of a divinely-determined law. Motherhood in the mortal flesh can only result in mortal fruition, it matters not what the influence under which that propagation is effected. When Victoria Woodhull first publicly announced this pernicious doctrine, she supposed that she was under the spiritual control of an ancient spirit, Demosthenes, if we remember correctly; but the fact is, she was under the influence of Stephen Pearl Andrews'

interior mental force. This, some call the subjective mind. When Victoria Woodhull lost the friendship of Andrews, she lost that source of her inspiration. Her doctrine on this question was identical with that of Stephen Pearl Andrews.

We quote from *Lucifer*: “With Mr. Stern, I confess to having the greatest respect for truth for its own sake, and hence I am wary of the teachings of those who follow science, not for truth's sake, but for some ulterior object, such as establishing a hierarchy, a theocracy, with some man or woman at its head.” It is barely possible that the publisher of *Lucifer* has failed to analyze his own motives in the promulgation of his hobbies. *Lucifer* continues: “And this seems just what the Koreshans are doing. To revive an old theocracy with a new order, a celibate order, of priests and priestesses; to rescue science and morals from the ‘infidel’ or ‘ungodly’ leaders, such as Darwin, Huxley, Spencer, Wallace, Buchner, *et al*, and restore mankind to its ‘Edenic’ condition—these are the objects of a sect that seems growing in numbers, almost rivaling that of the now famous John Alexander Dowie.”

Just before us is the Washington *Sunday Times*. Under the title, “Longevity of the Sun,” we find the following in confirmation of *Lucifer's* conception of “science,” as opposed to what Koreshanity is giving to the world:

The modern discovery of the conservation of energy has raised the question among scientists, of the period during which our sun has existed and may continue in the future to give us light and heat. The latest investigations upon the subject have conclusively shown that the quantity of light and heat which has been stored in our luminary is necessarily limited, and that when radiated as the sun radiates, the supply must in time become exhausted. A very simple calculation shows that were there no source of supply, the sun would be cooled off in three or four thousand years. What is a very puzzling question to [the scientist, the one who knows] astronomers is, Whence comes the present supply? During the past thirty years, the source has been sought for in a hypothetical contraction of the sun itself. This contraction is too small to be proved by observation, and several thousand years must elapse before any appreciable diminution can be noted, supposing the theory to be correct. It has been determined by calculation that the sun could scarcely have been giving its present amount of heat for more than twenty or thirty millions of years. But the geologists tell us that the age of the earth is to be reckoned by hundreds of millions of years. Hence arises a point at issue between the astronomers and geologists.

We would remark, that a discrepancy of a few hundred millions of years ought not to feaze the “scientific” mind, nor even *Lucifer*; for this point of difference between two sets of scientists is only just margin enough to give a good substantial basis for the “higher criticism.”

The *Times*, speaking of the spectroscope, says:

In the field of the so called newer astronomy, perhaps the most interesting work is that associated with comets. It has been confessed, however, that the spectroscope has increased rather than diminished the mystery which in some respects surrounds the constitution of these bodies.

The *Times* continues, following in the trail of mod-



ern scientific wisdom, with the profound utterance:

But what is known concerning comets, is nothing to what is not known. \* \* \* Whether these bodies consist of nothing but isolated particles, or whether they constitute a solid nucleus, the attraction of which tends to keep the mass together, no one yet knows. The spectroscope has only revealed, so far, that a comet is simply a mass of hydrocarbon vapor, shining by its own light. Even the accuracy of this result has been questioned, and it has been argued that the light of a comet must necessarily be reflected sunlight, from the fact of the increased brilliancy of the comet as it approaches the sun, and its disappearance as it passes away.

Now, according to the brilliant astronomer who writes for the *Times*, it has been proven by the aid of the spectroscope, that the comet shines "by its own light;" and it has been proven by the same instrument, that it shines by the reflected light of the sun. And *Lucifer* calls this "science." We call it the confession of consummate ignorance; however, it is about as good as anything the "higher criticism" can produce, for these substitutes for science comprise the basis of its knowledge. The man who is hunting for knowledge and has not found it, has not acquired a right to the title, scientist. The scientist is *the man who knows*—not the man who guesses. It is claimed by some, that the true scientist is a modest man. This literally means that the man who is afraid to state positively *what* he knows, knows that he is in doubt; and that if he is sure of anything, it is that the next investigator who comes along will upset all his theories. It is for this reason he knows that the basis for his theory is an

assumption; that he knows he is very liable to guess wrong. Koreshanity is not thus perplexed. Our premise is known to be a demonstrated fact. Every pretended astronomer of the Copernican school knows that he reasons from an assumption; and a guess at the beginning of an argument is an assumption at the end of the argument. It is for this reason that Dr. Woodhouse, Astronomer, Cambridge, England, said:

However perfect our theory may appear, in our own estimation, and however satisfactorily the Newtonian hypothesis may seem to account for all celestial phenomena, yet we are compelled to admit the astounding truth, that if our premise be disputed and our facts challenged, the whole range of astronomy does not contain the proofs of its own accuracy.

This is an honest and a truthful confession. But in the following, Dr. Woodhouse further deplores the fact that astronomers have nothing to stand upon:

Sartling as this announcement may appear, it is nevertheless true; and astronomy would indeed be helpless, were it not for the applied approval of those whose authority is considered a guarantee of its truth. Should this sole refuge fail us, all our arguments, all our observations, all our boasted accuracy would be useless, and the whole science of astronomy must fall to the ground!

This is what *Lucifer* depends upon to dispute the Koreshan Universology. It is perfectly welcome to the fortification behind which it attempts to barricade itself. Koreshanity knows its ground, and all it asks is that the so called scientific world dare come to the front and contend for its assumptions. All we ask is for an open fight, and we are going to force it.

## Koresh in the Senate Chamber.

The Founder of Koreshanity Witnesses a Senatorial Farce; Hears a Discussion of the Ship Subsidy Bill, and Sums up the Situation.

IT WAS STATED while the ship subsidy bill was in its heat of discussion, that one of the most important measures to the people of the United States was then before Congress, and with the chances in its favor of its passage through Congress. During the speech of Senator Rawlins (democrat) against the bill, there were five republicans and seven democrats present. Senator Bacon announced the absence of a quorum, and Gallinger, President *pro tem.*, began to call the roll, when there was a scattering of the pages of the Senate, with a corresponding oozing in of the members of the chamber, and an oozing out as the name of each senator was called and answered to. When the roll call was counted, a quorum was announced and the speech was resumed, with five republicans and seven democrats present—the oozing process having reduced the Senate chamber to this number. The *Times*, commenting on the situation, said: "Mr. Bacon demanded the presence of a quorum, and the roll was called. A

quorum was found present." Resuming, Mr. Rawlins said that the measure was a gross outrage on the people of the United States. "On the one side," said he, "are the people of the United States and the Treasury; on the other side are the monopolies." He ought to have further remarked, that the Senate was a gross outrage on the people of the United States.

Mr. Tillman interrupted the speaker. He said: "I want to give notice that the end of the session is less than one month away, and we have done nothing toward passing the appropriation bills. [At this time the session had only passed appropriations amounting to eight hundred million dollars.] Now, if this Administration wants an extra session and proposes to obtain one by delaying everything by this bill, it can have one; but I want to say that as long as this debate lasts, and it will last a long time, I am going to see that the republicans will have to listen to it. I therefore announce the absence of a quorum." Says



the *Times*: "The roll was called, and forty-nine senators answered."

The fact is, when Senator Tillman demanded a quorum, the pages scattered to the lobbies and cloak rooms, and the endosmosis began, with a corresponding exosmosis with the individual responses to the roll. And to five republicans and about nine democrats Mr. Rawlins resumed his speech. "For the first time," said he, "in the history of the country, an open attempt is made to loot the Treasury. No excuse is given, save that certain corporations must be given millions for some secret reason."

There is good reason why certain senators did not wish to listen to the flagellations of corrupters of legislation. They have been purchased, manipulated, or psychologized into the support of this Hanna scheme to rob the people, and they did not want their consciences pricked and galled by the scathings of its opponents, and their purposes weakened.

Senator Berry (democrat) made the next speech, after Rawlins, against the bill. He spoke to twelve members of the Senate, five of whom were republicans—engaged in writing letters and reading newspapers. He addressed his remarks to "Mr. President;" hesitating again, "Mr. President!" Mr. President was buried in his newspaper, and was oblivious to the appeal of Senator Berry to the Chair; but continuing his speech to the wind, the senator said that "During his service in Congress, no measure had been pressed which so flagrantly disregarded the principle of equality, and which gave millions on millions of the public money to a combination of wealthy interests." He criticised Senator Frye, from Maine, for selecting a committee outside of the Senate, a committee not selected by the Senate of the United States, and not according to the usages of the Senate—a committee of twenty-five. During this criticism he was interrupted by Mr. Frye, red and fiery, and who looked as if he had been fried, who asked:

"When there is to be considered a bill for such a purpose as this bill has, whom should I have selected—men who knew all about it, or men who knew nothing about it? Suppose I had selected the senators who have made speeches in opposition to this bill, and who have exhibited the profoundest possible ignorance of the subject?"

"If I had the choice," Mr. Berry replied, "I would rather appoint men who were ignorant of the subject, than men who were to be beneficiaries under the bill." He might have added, that nothing can be expected of the money power which is manipulating this Administration and Congress, than that this power which controls the Treasury of the United States will control it in the interests of its own greed. If the people of the country desire to legislate on commercial and financial interests, why should they not seek advice of the bank-

ers of Lombard and Wall streets, who have reduced the robbery of the people to an exact science, and whom the people believe when they are told by these robbers, "We are putting our commercial feet in your necks for your own dear interests"? And why, when two hundred million dollars are to be stolen from the people's treasury and given—contrary to the Constitutional provision against special legislation—to millionaire shipbuilders, should we not consult these men to whom the spoils are to be given, as to the division of these spoils?

During this debate, Senator Hanna sits superlatively complacent, placid as an unrippled sea, and as serene as a May morning, while Senator Frye is boiling with rage and excitement. What is the secret of Hanna's unperturbed attitude while he leans restfully in his chair, and in placid serenity joyfully anticipates the future pleasure of the triumph of the money power? It is his absolute knowledge of, and confidence in the power of money. He has reduced this knowledge of the application of money to the manipulation of politics, to an exact science. He has supreme confidence in the organic unity of the money lords, and in the centralization of this power now on the throne of human affection.

"The love of money is the root of all evil;" the love of money is the great serpent that beguiled the world; it is enthroned in the human heart. The time has come when no man can buy or sell who has not received the mark of the beast (the money power) in his forehead (credit) or in his hand—the money in his hand. Mark Hanna, which means the mark in hand, is the culminating sign of the final desecration of the most holy place. No legislation will secure the rights of the people. There is not honesty enough to reform the outrages of Congress and the Legislatures of the states. Nothing this side of the great battle of Gog and Magog—the conflict of the people against the money power, the contest of "capital and labor," culminating in a fight to the finish—will settle the controversy.

The republican party, the party of legislation for the trusts, the party of special legislation for the interests of capital against labor, the party which now proposes to institute a ship subsidy steal for a few millionaires, ostensibly for the purpose of restoring the merchant marine of the United States, means to so manipulate its power as to perpetuate the enthronement of the gold deity to enslave the people. God grant the republican party the courage of its convictions, that it may so exercise its authority as to convince the people that nothing short of the revolution which is prophesied, and which is inevitable, can bring about the establishment of equity. The republican party demands an army. It is the so called government, with the money god and the military and naval powers of the United States on the one hand, and the people on the other, that will consummate the catastrophe. Neither of these forces is in the right. A power will arise which will represent the will of the Almighty, and which will take the reins of government and adjust the affairs of men.



## Relation of Church and Secular Commerce.

Supremacy of the Papacy During the Middle Ages, the Logical Antecedent of Present Conditions; the Papal Trust Reflected in the Gigantic Corporations.

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THE SCROLL OF HISTORY, like the Bible and the physical world, must be read in the light of Koreshan Science which God has caused to shine out in the thick darkness of the age. The mystery of its characters has been sought in vain by human thought; but there is a key to the hieroglyphics; there is a standard of absolute truth in regard to the whole related system of things natural and spiritual, else were all men most miserable. Through the Messianic law, the truth which is eternally inherent in the interior and central mind comes into outward expression. The God-man interprets the world order, and the pages of history glow with new meaning.

The events of each succeeding age are cast both in prose and poetry; they have a literal and a figurative sense; they are final in one aspect while in another they are types of things to come. The burial of Jesus for example, and his resurrection from the tomb of Joseph fulfilled an absolute and specific phase of his mission; at the same time they pointed to the burial of his Spirit through absorption into the races descended from Joseph, and his resurrection from the same amalgamated people reëmbodied in the Anglo-Saxon nations now. The supremacy of the Papacy during the middle ages shows a specific stage in the progress of the church and the race; it was also the type of things to come.

As the direct channel for the transmission of the descending Spirit of Christ through the long line of Popes, in whom the divine mind was hidden though far interior, the Catholic church marked the culmination of the early organic unity. Why could it not endure? Because, as inevitably as the stars must decline toward the west as soon as they reach their culmination, so every phase of ecclesiastical and political life culminates and declines in the order of law. Moreover, it was a type of organic unity founded upon the perversion of truth and life. The pure Spirit of Christianity joined in unholy wedlock with Paganism under Constantine. The centralization of power in the hands of the priesthood and its absolute control over the minds and souls of men pointed directly to the centralization of wealth today. It was indeed the logical antecedent of present issues.

The Papacy exercised a monopoly over church commerce. It built up a gigantic system of religious trusts. It cornered up those spiritual goods of which material wealth is the outward and natural correspondent. It preëmpted the whole spiritual world, so to speak, through its doctrine of heaven, hell, and purgatory, just as every corner of the natural earth today is under the control of land speculators and monopolists. When a seed is planted in the ground it enters into unity with the spirit of the earth from which it absorbs moisture and heat, together with the mag-

netic and electric forces of the soil; thus it begins to swell and expand, but the heart of it grows corrupt. By and by the outer covering bursts by reason of the decay within. The centralization of spiritual power in the Papacy for a thousand years represents the expanding period in the seed's progress toward reproduction. The Reformation was the bursting of the old husk, the dissolution of the first phase of organic unity. It did not introduce a period of greater purity and light, but one of license and unchastity.

The kingdom of Christ was a spiritual kingdom. He breathed into the church a new spirit; his mission was to the mind, not the body. The kingdom that Koreshanity comes to establish is a natural kingdom that will develop in the natural world. The focalization of spiritual power in the Papacy by a reflex, is now transposed to the focalization of wealth in the hands of the millionaires. They exercise a control over the natural resources of the earth that corresponds precisely to the monopoly of perverted spiritual truth and learning by the medieval church. Christianity joined with Rome and the Romish church held the Word. For centuries every literary monument was written in Latin, and all the secrets of art and science were known only to the monks. There was no liberty of thought nor speech. The spirit of man was under a fearful constraint.

There is today a similar constraint upon the natural life of the wage earner, over his food, his garments, his home, the corner of land that he wants to till, or the work that he must seek. His mind is free; he has free speech and free thought, so they tell him. He can choose between a score of religious beliefs, and having elected for himself the kind of future state that he prefers to enter when he dies, the force of psychological attraction will carry him to such a sphere when he goes into the world of spirits, but he cannot earn a dollar to buy a single meal for himself or his children without the consent of those who hold the gold of the world in their grasp.

The hope of Koreshanity is to deliver the natural life of man, his natural body and the natural world from such appalling bondage. History shows the constraint of fear succeeded by the constraint of greed. But the only constraint which Koreshanity brings is that of love. Its Founder exacts no vows, imposes no penalties, leaves every follower free to develop along the line of his own desires. He only asks: "Is your love for humanity strong enough to lead you to toil and suffer as I have toiled and suffered for thirty years? Are the ideals which I present noble enough to inspire you with courage to persist? My truth is to conquer the world, and you may share in the victory if you will."



## Messianic Factors of World-Perpetuity.

Knowledge of the Messianic Law Necessary; the Divine Seed and Coming Harvest of the Age; the Great Consummation and the Golden Age.

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THE WORLD NEEDS nothing today so much as a knowledge of the Messianic law, which, in its most exalted and in its humblest manifestation, shows but the activities of seed-time and harvest. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, after giving this law in veiled language to those unready for its promulgation, thus expounded it to his disciples: "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world \* \* \* The harvest is the end of the world (age). The sower soweth the Word." The Son of God, the Son of man, the sower of the Word, was Himself that Word; otherwise John (who declared that the Word, God, was made flesh, and dwelt among men as the only begotten of the Father) recorded falsely.

The fact that the Lord sowed himself, will only be denied by the biased and the superficial. A sequential query might be: Where did He sow himself? Observation of the animal and the human world supplies the answer: Every species sows its seed in its kind: "That which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be \* \* \* But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body." The Christ was human. He was the Son of man as much as he was the Son of God. Being of mankind, in mankind he sowed himself as seed, and in the harvest he will reappear, the many fold Christ—the Christs.

The summit of Messianic desires is to consummate the atonement—to conjoin man, divorced from God, to his Creator. As related to the anthropotic, He appears when the quality of human life has so far deteriorated as to make the infusion of the God-life a necessity. As related to timic cycles, He appears at the ending of one two-thousand-year period, and at the beginning of another. Invariably, He comes to plant himself in the race through the sublimation of his person, thus reduced to Holy Spirit, which is absorbed by his followers, whom he has taught to love him; for always the Messiah is the one genuine Teacher of the age. Through His teaching he prepares the intellects and wills of men, even as soil, for his planting—through their desire for him he is enabled to implant himself.

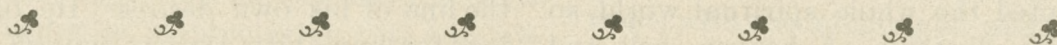
Emanuel Swedenborg's mission was Messianic. He was specifically a Messiah or teacher to the spiritual world. Through his presentation of spiritual truths, the spiritual counterparts of the 144,000 people in the natural world (in whom was planted a Christ-germ in

the beginning of the age, the husband arising to meet the descending bride) were impelled to decision. The 144,000 accepting the truth were separated from the non-receptive, and aggregated as the Bride, the Lamb's wife. Judgment and justice were met, and none could gainsay, for each had followed the bent of his own desire, and according to his desire had been assigned.

The end of a two-thousand-year cycle (the Piscatorial) and the beginning of a two-thousand-year cycle (the Aquarial) is here. The Messiah of the coming dispensation, or two-thousand-year period is here, and judgment is begun in the natural world. It will proceed to completion, and those who choose Christ's righteousness will be Christs. They will appear as the fruit of the Tree of Life—that marvelous tree which bears twelve manner of fruits, and yields its fruit every month. These months of two thousand years are each represented by one of the signs of the Zodiac.

Why should those who accepted the Messiahship of the Lord Jesus, at the close of the Ariestic and the beginning of the Piscatorial dispensation, doubt the present Messiahship, which closes the Piscatorial and opens the Aquarial degree? Is it because the Sent of God to this age was not born of a Virgin? By that same sign, then, or the absence of it, must they eschew Enoch and Elias. That which has been shall be: Enoch made no record as a character of Godly birth, but his translation is undenied. For the Tishbite, Elijah, no claim is made that his coming was unlike that of the humblest tiny human whose little pink body was ever swathed in swaddling clothes; yet, we are given in his passing, that sublime picture which even the translation of the Lord Jesus does not equal—his ascent into heaven in a chariot of fire!

The present is not alone the closing and the opening of the shorter cycles: it witnesses the end and the beginning of the grand or Mazzarothic cycles of 24,000 years; and the developments to follow, as compared with all developments familiar to man, will even surpass the accession of time as between the shorter and longer cycle. The coming grander time, the Golden Age, God's heavenly pageant, full-bloomed upon the earth, holds prophecy in the added power of 144,000 Sons of God together associated, in compare with that one Godly Figure standing solitary nineteen hundred years ago.



The Koreshan System is inaugurated for the purpose of restoring normal states and relations, and insuring their permanency through the scientific regulation of all the functions of life.

The Christian dispensation began with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and the manifestation of love which actuated those who comprised the church was the result of this operation.



## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE UNSOLVED PROBLEMS of modern science are agitating the minds of so called great thinkers of the twentieth century; they abound in every department of modern thought, in every branch of learning, in every line of research. Mystery after mystery, marvel after marvel, confronts the scientists for solution; their patience is tried, their skill is baffled, and their resources are exhausted. The world is beginning to ask the scientists, and the scientists are forced to ask themselves, if they have really solved a single problem of the ages! We affirm that they have not; and for that reason they should be known by some other name than *scientists*. Nearly two years ago we noticed in these columns, the admissions of Astronomer Newcomb concerning the Unsolved Problems of Astronomy; and last week we reviewed an article by Prof. Remsen, in the chair of chemistry in Johns Hopkins University, on the Unsolved Problems of Chemistry; and this week our attention is called to three articles by prominent writers, suggesting that unsolved problems in astronomy, in medicine, and in biology are legion. Today, "most of the universe, both in its near and its distant parts, is yet mysterious" to the astronomer. The moon, of all heavenly bodies, the nearest to the earth, contains mysteries which the astronomer despairs of ever revealing; while concerning the sun, there is absolutely no fixed opinion or theory in the entire field of modern astronomy; and concerning the shape of the universe itself, the astronomer can only conjecture. Newton presumed to solve the problems of the universe by his theory of gravitation; but it was soon discovered that his theory brought the universe no nearer to solution than before! The cause of the most common diseases is yet unknown to the medical world; microbes are to the physician what the atom is to the chemist—a mere abstraction with which he endeavors to account for diseased conditions which obtain in the body. Physicians today are as far from a knowledge of the cause of disease and of the processes of cure, as they were centuries ago. They are ignorantly battling with human ills—experimenting at the expense of health and life itself. Who has solved the problems of human existence—the problems of life on any plane? Prof. Walsh, M. D., LL. D., admits that "In biology, unsolved problems are as plentiful as Fallstaff's blackberries. The first great question, What is life? has no satisfactory answer. Living things make use of physical and chemical energies; but there is some force behind these energies ruling and guiding them in the processes necessary for the continuance of life. What this vital force is, is the hitherto insoluble mystery." THE FLAMING SWORD, in the past, has battled against the assumption on the part of the great mass of people that the theories of the modern scientists cannot be consistently questioned. We take pleasure in pointing to the admissions of the scientists themselves, to the effect that there is no *certainty* in their conclusions. They are forced to these admissions by virtue of the fact that no two scientists agree; there is conflict everywhere, and the cause of the conflict is in the fact that they are utterly incapable of teaching the people the great truths of existence. The day of Koreshan triumph is at hand; its scientific solution of the problems of the universe will soon be grasped by the millions; and the so called scientists and their absurdities will pass into oblivion!

Rev. Gregory, of Chicago, declares that agnosticism is not dead; that it is not any kind of a system, but that "it is a mere state of the mind." He correctly defines what agnosticism means—that it is mere ignorance, honest ignorance, which says,

"I do not know!" and that withal, the position of agnosticism is the only honest and consistent position for the modern mind to assume. Consequently, he concludes that agnosticism should universally prevail, because the solution of the great problems of life transcend the modern mind. Rev. Gregory is bolder than most theologians, but he undoubtedly declares what they would like to express: "There may be a God. We do not know that there is, we do not know that there is not; there may be life beyond the grave; we do not know that such is the case, we do not know that such is not the case. It may be a fact that Jesus was 'more than a man,' and it may be that the writings known as the Bible are of 'superhuman inspiration,' but it is an out and out impossibility for us to arrive at any certainty in the premises. All such matters are transcendental to us, and beyond our ability to see into and understand them. With reference to such remote and inaccessible things, all that we can honestly do is to come right out and say: 'WE DO NOT KNOW!'" From the time of its founding, Koreshanity has declared that such is the condition of the modern mental world. The world is ignorant of the truth, hopelessly, so far as help from the modern scientists and theologians is concerned, entangled in the meshes of fallacy, and under the spell of delusion. The Science of Koreshanity is the demonstrated Science of Being and Existence; it is the antithet of agnosticism—it has nothing in common with the effete thought of the age. It begins with the simplest principles of life, and builds up for the rational mind a great structure of Knowledge, which constitutes the eternal Truth. There is nothing in the universe that is not susceptible of being grasped by the human intellect, and there is not a law in the entire realm of existence that man may not know and apply to himself. Koreshanity is the scientific interpretation of Nature and the Bible, the revelation of the mysteries which are beyond the reach of all other schools of modern thought.

A number of millionaires tell, in a recent number of the *Saturday Evening Post*, why they continue to amass wealth after they have made themselves and families comfortable for life. From their testimony, they began lines of business which they are loath to leave; they become accustomed to a high degree of mental activity, under powerful impulses of a spirit which intoxicates, under a stimulus without which they would have no ambition. They love power, the power of riches; and impelled by the spirit of greed, they go on year after year in the endeavor to get more and more. They are kings and priests unto the money god; they worship at the golden shrine—they are filled with the love of money. To make money is their passion; their greatest delight is in seeing great fortunes come into their possession. They love to see world-changing enterprises grow up under their manipulation; and they have an idea that the world is getting better because they rule in the spheres of industry and commerce. They pride themselves upon their remarkable foresight, sagacity, wisdom, and judgment in the control of men and their products. The millionaires have simply made use of the opportunities which the competitive system has opened up; the temptations are there, and they enter the school of experience, through which they acquire a high degree of perverted commercial wisdom. We do not blame the millionaires, so much as the system which gives them the advantage. They have their cares; they are worn and torn by the burdens of wealth. They are under the curse; opulence does not bring them happiness. They are in the mad rush with all the world,



without realizing the dangers to themselves and to society. They need to learn that they are a stupendous factor of oppression; they are not aware of the coming consequences of their work—they are ignorant of the thunders and the throes of the impending revolution!

Dr. C. Piazza Smyth, the famous pyramidalist, in his elaborate work on the Great Pyramid of Egypt, after tedious measurements of every chamber, every passage, every angle outside and inside, presumed to find the true solar parallax and the true distance to the sun. With the common figures given by the astronomers, in mind, it is not strange that some measurements, either in themselves or their multiples, should correspond to some of the enormous figures with which the astronomer deals. Proctor remarked, that striking coincidences might be found by taking the measurements of a common tin-pail or plug hat! Ignatius Donnelly undertook to prove that Francis Bacon was the author of the works of Shakespeare, because there appears on his tomb the key to a cryptogram found in certain parts of the Shakespearean dramas; Donnelly's contention is said to be well supported by a number of striking coincidences. But by the same kind of argument, we can show that Shakespeare was the author of the Bible, or at least, the book of Psalms. Shakespeare did not use the final "e" which now appears in the name. There are 10 letters in the name as originally spelled—4 vowels and 6 consonants. Shakespear (46), then, is the key to a wonderful cryptogram in the Bible. Turn to the 46th Psalm; count 46 words from the beginning, and the word "shake" is reached; beginning at the end of the same Psalm, and counting backward 46 words, the word "spear" is reached, making Shakespear in the 46th psalm, corresponding to the cryptogram number 46, derived from the name Shakespear. And yet, according to the highest Hebrew authority, the book of Psalms was written at least 2,500 years before the time of Shakespeare!

Mrs. Nation has stirred up considerable excitement by endeavoring to abolish saloons by wrecking them; by this means she hopes to arouse public sentiment against the rum-shops throughout the nation. Notwithstanding the fact that the saloons need abolishing, the new crusader is imbued with the spirit of fanaticism, believing as she does, that she has been commanded by the Almighty to wield her hatchet against the beer barrels and whiskey casks. She would enforce one law on the statute books of Kansas by breaking others. A similar spirit leads the mob to conclude that justice requires that murderers be lynched or burned at the stake; and leads the labor-unions to attack the property of corporations and strike down fellow workmen who seek employment without the sanction of the unions. It is not creditable to the men who have to do with the enforcement of law, that evils should exist in defiance to the decrees of the people's law-makers; but there will be a worse condition of things existing—a reign of terror—when factions presume to take the law into their own hands and execute them through direct anarchistic methods. No cure for great evils today can be effected by attacking symptoms; applying the hatchet to saloons is not striking at the sensual appetite which demands the stimulants supplied by the saloons. The laying of the axe at the root of the corrupt tree is the only effective remedy; reach the seat of the difficulty, and the effects will disappear—but Koreshanity alone possesses the secret of the application of scientific law to the very heart of sensuality.

"The very fact of placing a man or a book in a position of unique authority is going to make one crouch in 'reverence'—in other words, to fear." There are minds which consider reverence to be a dangerous thing; they are jealous of laudable examples,

and talk of throwing away one's liberty when the original work and authority of some great genius are admired and acknowledged, or the achievements of some great hero praised. One has more liberty to perform mathematical calculations if he is able to perceive that some work on mathematics is sufficiently authoritative to contain and explain exact mathematical principles. To reverence a hero is to acknowledge that his altitude of strength, courage, and character is possible for one's own self! The strongest love and greatest liberty are in the recognition of some mind that has fulfilled the world's highest ideal; and the greatest impulse in aspiration to reach the altitude of the perfect Man, springs from reverence and worship of a character which demonstrates his ability to lead the worshiper to the altitude of His own destiny! There is a power in mental polarity, of which the mental scientists have never dreamed; their individualism is anti-Messianic. The salvation of the corpuscles of a plant is in following the leadership of the most progressive cell, which leads to the destiny of all in the seed. Is such a principle false in humanity?

Christendom is a term applied to that part of the world where Christianity prevails; the nations of Christendom are said to be Christian nations. Christianity was most powerful when it was united with Rome; and yet so tyrannical was that power, that even today Protestants refuse to call it Christian. Protestantism has not greatly improved the condition of affairs in Europe, and it certainly has not thoroughly civilized the great West. American liberty of thought and speech is directly traceable to the influence of Thomas Paine, a pronounced atheist; the Declaration of Independence could never have been dictated by the spirit of Puritanism. From the standpoint of primitive Christianity, there are no Christian nations today; but Christianity as it is has become a world power, and is adulterating the very life of the world, and it is in so called Christian nations that the greatest evils exist, where the greatest revolution of the ages will sweep in judgment and vengeance!

A journal, the *Phrenic World*, remarks that "God molded the earth with his fingers; he hung the heavens with blazing stars; he erected the huge mountains, and built their lofty crags; he hollowed out the bed of the ocean, and dug the channels of the great rivers." Some minds take these things for granted, without knowing how they were accomplished; but perhaps a magazine which "inquires into the structure and elements of things," and "seeks to know and explain just what and why a thing is," might endeavor to enlighten the world as to just how "God molded the earth with his fingers," and "hung the heavens with blazing stars;" and to what extent other parts of the universe needed the attention of the Almighty while he was busy capping the climax on the mountain tops!

A phrenologist says that "Socialism is not wholly in harmony with the constitution of human nature. Therefore it cannot be wholly right." The difference between scientific socialism and human nature is wholly on the side of human nature. The modern man is not in himself wholly right; he is an abnormal creature, a degenerate. It is a fact that many socialist agitators "who do not study the constitution of human nature and make their schemes conform to it will have to suffer more or less defeat;" but there is such a thing as discovering the basis of a new humanity, and making human nature conform to the laws of Being. The man who thoroughly understands human nature as it is today, is able to make human nature what it should be!

It is said that the "love of the good, of the right, of truth, is the common heritage of all humanity." If all present conditions are good; if all that man does is just; if all that is taught



and believed in the world is true, then men universally love that which is good and right and true. But if reformation and revolution are needed in all lines of human thought and relations, it follows that men love that which is evil, unrighteous, and fallacious. There never has been a great truth presented to the world, no great reform ever instituted, that men did not hate and resist!

The Martians may conclude that the inhabitants of the earth are very rude, if Tesla does not soon reply to the message with which the Martians so considerably celebrated the beginning of the twentieth century on the earth. The Pike's Peak electric rattle affords the clergymen, we suggest, as good evidence as they have that there are three persons in the Godhead; for the message to Tesla is interpreted to read, "One, two, three!" But were the Martians endeavoring to teach the people of the earth the fundamentals of theology, or mathematics?

A bill has been introduced in the Kansas legislature to prevent physicians from losing their practice; the idea is to form a medical trust, protected by law, forcing the people, when sick, to apply to the doctors for whatever consequences the doctors are able to bring about. What a calamity it would be to the medical fraternity, if the people should succeed in keeping well! Would bills then be introduced in state legislatures to prevent doctors from losing their practice?

Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) says: "The one thing which, above all others, startled me in America, was the power of the secular spirit and the weakness of the Christian church." The backbone has departed from the church; it has become old and decrepit, afflicted with all kinds of moral diseases; its vitality is low, and it cannot long survive the passing things of the nineteenth century.

By way of retaliation, the saloon-keepers of Winfield, Kansas, considered that the church is unconstitutional, and proceeded to wreck a church building, which they did by means of hatchets, stones, and clubs; their effort constituted an effective suggestion that the modern church needs abolishing as much as the saloons!

A writer affirms that "there is a world within each man." Very incomplete world, we should say, and poorly governed! The universe is complete in one great organic structure—male and female; only the perfect man is the microcosm, which corresponds in every particular to the great universe in which we live.

The types in the Jewish system were used to set up the Word of God, which appeared at the end of the dispensation; Jesus was the pole of impression, containing all the "words" printed during the Jewish age.

A monument of the Christ is to be erected on Mount Vesuvius, where there is a Catholic chapel—a suggestion of the fact that Christendom stands over a dangerous, smouldering volcano!

Washington feels honored in having THE FLAMING SWORD celebrate the 168th anniversary of his birth, by dating this number February 22.

It is true that as a man thinks so is he; but as to what he will be, depends upon what he does.

Jesus fulfilled the law and the prophecies because he was full of the law and the prophets.

The modern man's views often pertain to things which he does not see at all!

Humanity constitutes a great book, because ideas are written in it.

The work of attaining to perfection of human life is always uphill business.

The next best thing to righteous endeavor is complete success.

Everything must ultimately fail but that which should succeed.

Men are free only when under the restraints of genuine liberty.

## Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

THE EDITOR.

### Questions on Koreshan Cosmogony.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Many times in trying to tell others of the Koreshan doctrines, I am asked questions which I cannot answer. I carry with me a little memorandum book, and keep note of them. Will you kindly enlighten me on the following: (1) What are meteors, and how are they formed? (2) What are volcanoes, and how do you account for earthquakes? (3) How do you know that the planets are mercurial discs between the metallic strata? Can you demonstrate the statement? (4) If the moon is a picture of the earth's surface, why does it become invisible a part of the time? If people surround it on every side, why does not some one see the moon at all times?—W. B., Minneapolis, Minn.

It should not be discouraging to students of Koreshanity if questions are asked which they cannot answer, or phenomena suggested for which they cannot account. This department of THE FLAMING SWORD is conducted for the purpose

of helping our readers in the study of the System, and in answering the questions of their friends; and we are always glad to reply to pertinent questions submitted to us for answer.

(1) Meteoric showers are periodic precipitations of energies resulting from activities in the physical heavens. Their periodic appearance has led astronomers to conclude that they are particles of material substances travelling in orbits through space, manifesting themselves by coming in contact with the earth's atmosphere. Knowing something of the velocity of the meteors in the air, and the time between manifestations of meteors of a given stream, the size of the orbits are thought to be computed by the astronomer. Of course this is an assumption on the part of the astronomer, resulting from ignorance of the fact that the

meteors are materializations of energies, analogous to the formation of hail. The meteoric radiants are within our atmosphere; they are formed in given constellations through rapid precipitation, materialization, and condensation; and fall as burning particles of ferruginous substances.

(2) The volcanic systems constitute the outlet of the great alimentary canal of the physical universe; directly, they are the outlets of the great vulcan fires beneath the earth's surface, where the wastes of the earth are consumed. The great vulcan chambers fill up, alchemically ignite, and an explosion, through usual vents, result. Earthquakes are caused by explosions of gas; by underground fires belonging to the volcanic systems, and by ignition of other inflammables. It is not necessary to suppose that the earth is



filled with molten matter in order to account for volcanoes and earthquakes; the old idea of the earth's molten interior is being abandoned by the scientific world. There are a sufficient number of subterranean fires and inflammable substances in the earth's shell, roomiles in thickness, to cause all the local volcanic and seismic disturbances of history.

(3) The fact that the material planets are mecurial discs in the earth's shell is known in the same way and by the same methods that it is known that the earth is a cell about 8,000 miles in diameter; the conclusion is from the same authority and source. The conclusion is reached and demonstrated through the laws of comparative anatomy and correspondent analogy. The human system has an alimentary canal; therefore, the organic structure of the physical universe must have a corresponding alimentary canal, with its seven divisions corresponding to the seven divisions of the digestive tract in the human system. The function of each planet corresponds to a given division of the alimentary canal in man. Mercury is the universal amalgamator, and the only amalgamator of metals; it is the universal digester. Lava, the nature of which puzzles the scientist, is the offal of the great system of the physical cosmos; it is the product of the complex amalgamations and deteriorations of substances in the earth, through the agency of mercury.

(4) The moon is a materialized reflex or picture of the earth and its strata; but the moon has its phases, due to the relation that the lunar pole sustains to the area of daylight in the earth. If the moon were full all the time, it could not be seen when near the sun, because the solar rays would overcome the weaker rays from the moon, and the moon would be rendered invisible for at least four days out of 29. The moon waxes and wanes; it is renewed every month. It is brightest when full, and becomes invisible when the moon is dark or new.

#### Immortality and All-Knowledge.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Permit me to ask the following questions: If a person strives to attain immortality now and fails, how long a time will elapse before there is another opportunity to attain it? (2) How will his partial knowledge of Koreshan Science benefit him and others, and to what extent? (3) Must a person attain to universal knowledge in order to attain immortality?—A READER.

(1) Generally speaking, we answer that it depends entirely upon one's relation to Koreshanity, which today promulgates the only science of immortal life. There are thousands of people hoping for immortality, in various shades of misconception of what immortality is; some of them may not attain to immortality for several cycles yet. Specifically, however, there is one opportunity every 24,000

years for hundreds of thousands to become immortal, and that time is always at the close of the Piscatorial dispensation of the Iron Age, when truth is revealed in the scientific degree.

But suppose, for the sake of illustration, that one accepting Koreshanity now and endeavoring to obey the law which it reveals, dies or passes out through corruptible dissolution previous to the great consummation of baptism—what would be the hope of such a case? Such an one enters The Guiding Star of the New Jerusalem in the spiritual world—the sphere of the Koreshan heavens; and that New Jerusalem, made up of spirits of thousands who have died, materializes in the form of the flesh of the Sons of God. These entities of the New Jerusalem inherit the kingdom by becoming a part of the Temple, not the mentality that controls the Temple itself.

(2) Truth benefits no one unless it is applied; knowledge of law is worthless unless that knowledge leads to obedience or application. To whatever extent a man is able to comprehend truth, no matter how little, and obeys it, he is benefitted; he is progressive, and moves in the right direction—in the direction of the final goal of destiny.

(3) Complete comprehension of all truth in the scientific degree is possible only to one Man in every great cycle of 24,000 years; his knowledge is absolutely essential to the attainment of immortality for himself and his followers. It is through the comprehension of all truth that the one Man performs the function of the Messiah by baptizing thousands and enabling them to grasp so much of the truth as will enable them to apply the laws of life and overcome death; and each one baptized receives just so much of the divine mentality as he can receive and retain, and that amount determines his emplacement in the ranks of the divine kingdom in the earth.

Collectively, the 144,000 Sons of God know and embody the whole truth; but each one occupies only his own sphere. During their career in the body, they are teachers of the people, while exploring the realms of human life and mind; they constitute the circumference of God's earth, the perfect macrocosm. The involution of the earth is the sun. All knowledge in unity is the final result of the experiences and exploitations of the Sons of God; then truth becomes involved in One; such an one appeared in humanity nineteen hundred years ago, with the whole truth in the philosophic degree; that same truth appears today in the scientific degree in Koreshanity.

#### Jonah and the Whale.

Rev. E. M. Castle Gives the Scientific Interpretation of the Wonderful Book of Jonah.

On the subject of Jonah and the Whale last evening, [at Springfield, Mass.,] Rev. E. M. Castle said in part:

"The Book of Jonah is one of symbolism. The story pertains to the communication of the substance of Christ, as Holy Spirit, to the branch of national life which had been specially prepared for its reception. When the very reasonable conclusion is reached that processes in humanity, including racial progressions and transitions and metamorphoses, obtain by virtue of immutable laws of development, which laws have a primary operation in the biologic universe and a sequential operation in the physical, or alchemico-organic universe, the correspondence between the two becomes apparent, and there need be no difficulty in apprehending that the groupings of stars in the physical heavens and their relations to the prime circles of the celestial sphere are in accordance with the causes of these visible effects, these causes inhering primarily in humanity.

"Here is the great book of history and prophecy, printed in points of light on the blue above—the story of nations and of the men who make nations, veritably written by themselves in the physical heavens. In the knowledge of this correspondence, supplied by the Koreshan System of Cosmogony, and only in such knowledge is the key to the understanding of the story of Jonah; and not alone of this story, but of all the ancient myths, with their evident astrological, or rather cosmogonical character—symbolic stories, all of them, expressive of the principles of universal existence, which principles find their highest application in personality.

#### Jonah and Nineveh Defined.

"The word Jonah means dove, or Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit being the energetic substance of the Lord's integral form. The dove is the natural symbol of union for life. In the body of Jesus were united principles that are separate in the ordinary existence. This constituted the difference between his body, which did not see corruption, and the bodies of the ordinary corruptible humanity who, in the words of Pope, "propagate and rot." The teaching of the Scriptures is to the effect that the dove, before this manifestation in the flesh, was spirit in the nation that produced Jesus; that this spirit was gathered by John (dove), and was by him passed over to Jesus, this passover being the baptism; and that it was seen by John to alight on Jesus in the form of a dove,—this being the promised sign of the prophet Jonah, i. e. John, or dove.

"The word Nineveh means life of the fish. At the time that Jonah is said to have been commanded to go to Nineveh, it was the representative city of Assyria, and specifically the head or beginning of a subsequently developing people, des-



tioned to be the leading people of the world. The ten tribes were carried away captive by the Assyrian power, the possibility of this carrying away being accomplished through the defection of the kingdom of Israel from the principles that Judah continued to maintain; for Israel abandoned the rite of circumcision with its obligations, and intermarried with the races about her, which weakened her as a nation, making her an easy prey to the Assyrian. The preservation of the principle of circumcision by Judah was the refusal to have part in the race mixture for which the conditions of the Assyrian empire were especially favorable, and thus enter the life of the fish. It was the refusal of Jonah, the dove, to go to Nineveh. The Germanic family of nations originated in the race mixture of Israel with Media, Persia, and Assyria; the soured or vitiated life of Israel constituting the leaven hidden in the three measures of meal, to remain hidden until the life of the entire lump should be vitiated as presented in the parable of Jesus; the three measures being the three nations, Media, Persia, and Assyria.

#### The Sign Aries and the Constellation Cetus.

In the physical heavens, the extra-zodiacal constellation Cetus, or whale, extending beside the constellations Aries and Pisces is the symbol of the Teutonic family of nations. At the time of the carrying away of the ten tribes, the equinoctial colure, which by its junction with the equator defines the central point of the sign Aries, lay across the head of Cetus. Nineveh, as the representative center of the Assyrian power was this head politically and nationally. Through the entrance of Israel into this race amalgamation, the Teutonic peoples were prepared for their subsequent reception of the Holy Spirit from Christ. Thus was the great fish prepared by God to swallow, appropriate, Jonah,—the dove, or Holy Spirit. At the time of the recorded outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the colure in the physical heavens crossed the belly of Cetus, indicating the development of the people represented by Cetus to a condition corresponding to the belly of the great fish. The fish is the symbol of external natural life, and particularly of that life in its greatest proliferation. It is recorded that Jacob prophesied in his blessing upon Ephraim and Manasseh that as fish were they to increase. In the light of a broadening and liberal reason we may discern more than a barren simile in the expression. The life of Jesus, immaculate, was by its communication to the world compelled to descend into sensual generation—the life of the fish.

"The true story of Jonah involves the true story of him whom Isaiah calls Lucifer, and Ezekiel calls the Cedar of Lebanon. Moreover, one of the Greek myths of Apollo tells the same story. And the key to these is also the key to the character of the Apollyon of Revelation, which theology has misconceived, as it has misconceived the nature of Lucifer, and the significance of the big fish story of the Bible.

"The great fish, the Germanic, family of nations, is leviathan; and who or what has been able to stay his progress through the centuries, in his empire-destroying, empire-constructing course? And when the progressive spirit of this mighty people, ingathered by the Anglo-Saxon, focalizes in one man, as must finally result by the law of involution, that one will constitute leviathan, and must manifest when the national career of the people represented by Cetus is culminating, as Jesus, who involved the progressive life of Judah,

manifested at the termination of Judah's career as a nation. The writing of the physical heavens indicates that now is the time, for the colure is passing off the extremity of Cetus. It is time for Jonah to be cast up on land, for Lucifer to return to heaven, for Apollo to throw off the disguise of the fish and reveal himself as the star of glory."—Springfield Daily News, Feb. 11, 1901.

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#### Does the Freethinker Think?

A Pittsburg Editor Roundly Scores Theosophists, Christian Scientists, and Other "Freethinkers."

The Freethinker is accustomed to giving and receiving hard knocks in the controversial arena, and so he will probably not be made hopelessly "groggy" by the forcible blows dealt him by a recent writer who bears the classic name of Addison Steele. Mr. Steele is hard on the average Freethinker, who, he says, "is a Freethinker because he doesn't think. He lets the other man think for him. His mental ability is such as to preclude the pos-

#### Lectures by Koresh.

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sibility of his investigating intelligently any advanced subject. He possesses just enough knowledge to make it dangerous for himself." Mr. Steele (who is the editor of *Kit Kats*, a Hubbardian "Periodical of Independent Thought," published in Pittsburg) proceeds to make the following sharp indictment of several types of Freethinkers:

"I next met the average Freethinker at a meeting of Theosophists. Here his predicament was truly painful. In the matter of ridiculing the Bible he, at least, could acquit himself creditably. But Theosophy involved such deep reading, to say nothing of the scores of unfamiliar terms used, that he was truly bewildered. In an off-hand sort of fashion I asked a few of the members for a little light on Theosophy. They stumbled about in the most painful manner. Their minds could not grasp the fundamental principles of the belief. They, however, were advanced thinkers and Theosophists.

Some of them wanted to be odd, so they joined. Some were attracted by the mysterious phrases employed. Some were Theosophists because they could wear a badge. Everything that was said by the leaders was accepted without a murmur. No one would think of coldly analyzing the statements. They, too, thought themselves liberal.

"Then I met the average Freethinker deeply immersed in the contents of Mrs. Eddy's book on science and health. Mrs. Eddy has a few initials before and after her name which have slipped my mind. But it is the christian science Eddy to whom I refer. This young man admitted that he could not fully comprehend Mrs. Eddy's masterly production. He had read it through dozens of times, and he hoped some day for divine inspiration to assist in the interpretation. Yet he was a devout christian scientist because he had been cured of dyspepsia of seventeen years' standing. He was through with orthodox beliefs. He was done with the narrowness of creeds. He threw himself unreservedly into the arms of Mrs. Eddy. Yet upon cross-questioning him he confessed that he possessed but the most superficial knowledge of the subject. He admitted his inability to master the profound mush which Mrs. Eddy doled out. This was a true type of the average Thinker Who Thinks He Thinks.

"The fourth and last instance that I desire to cite to illustrate the species, was found in a meeting of a Society for Psychical Research. This society was burdened with a high-sounding Hindu name, some Oriental paraphernalia, and a little incense. Here the profound thinker was in his element. He was in close touch with a superior being, who knew more about the ways of the Creator in one evening than the orthodox churchman does in a lifetime. This society had its rooms directly opposite a church, and I well remember the contemptuous glances which were cast upon those who were wending their way to divine worship. Each glance seemed to say, 'Poor fools.' All the wisdom was possessed by the members of the high-sounding, Hindu-flavored organization. The leader discoursed on almost everything, showing a knowledge of nothing. Yet the foolish Thinker sat with his mouth open, drinking in the nonsense he couldn't begin to understand. He felt that he was being initiated into the mysteries of a higher life. He felt that he was transcending all creeds. He felt that his condition of mind was the height of free and unrestricted thought. It just goes to prove the pitiable plight of a man who knoweth not that he knoweth not. The members had been attracted by a yellow flag and some mystic characters; a glib talker mouthing in the abstract; a few lectures on subjects that have puzzled the best minds of the world and utterly meaningless to the members. Thus are converts made. No one was able to explain the doctrines preached. They were just Freethinkers.

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ing extensive preparations for inauguration.—Chicago labor-unions appeal to Gompers for better organizations.—Annual convention of Daughters of the Revolution, at Washington.—Germany wants to begin action against China at once.—Feb. 19.—Cuban question agitates officials at Washington; U. S. proposes to have something to say as to future relations of Cuban government.—Count Waldersee orders movement of troops in China; propose to force China to terms; asks powers to join in the effort.—Henry Austin Adams declares universities a menace, and Protestantism a failure.

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## The Flaming Sword's Exchanges.

Cram's Magazine.—The February issue contains a number of articles of the sort that one having read puts away for future reference. Among these may specially be noted Our Useful Conifers, by Prof. Charles E. Aaron; a brief, but graphic history of William III, of England, by Milton Reeve; a very clear and entertaining account of the bloodless Toledo War, by E. F. Watrous; a number of little points regarding King Edward VII of Great Britain; and some interesting statistics regarding the Growth of Churches in the Nineteenth Century. Woman and her world, and The World's Doings, are excellent reviews of current topics and events. \$3.00 per year; single copies, 25 cents. Published by Geo. F. Cram, 61-63 Plymouth Place, Chicago.

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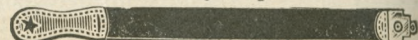
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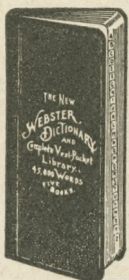
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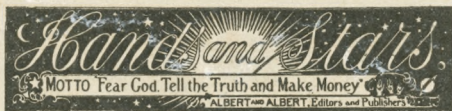
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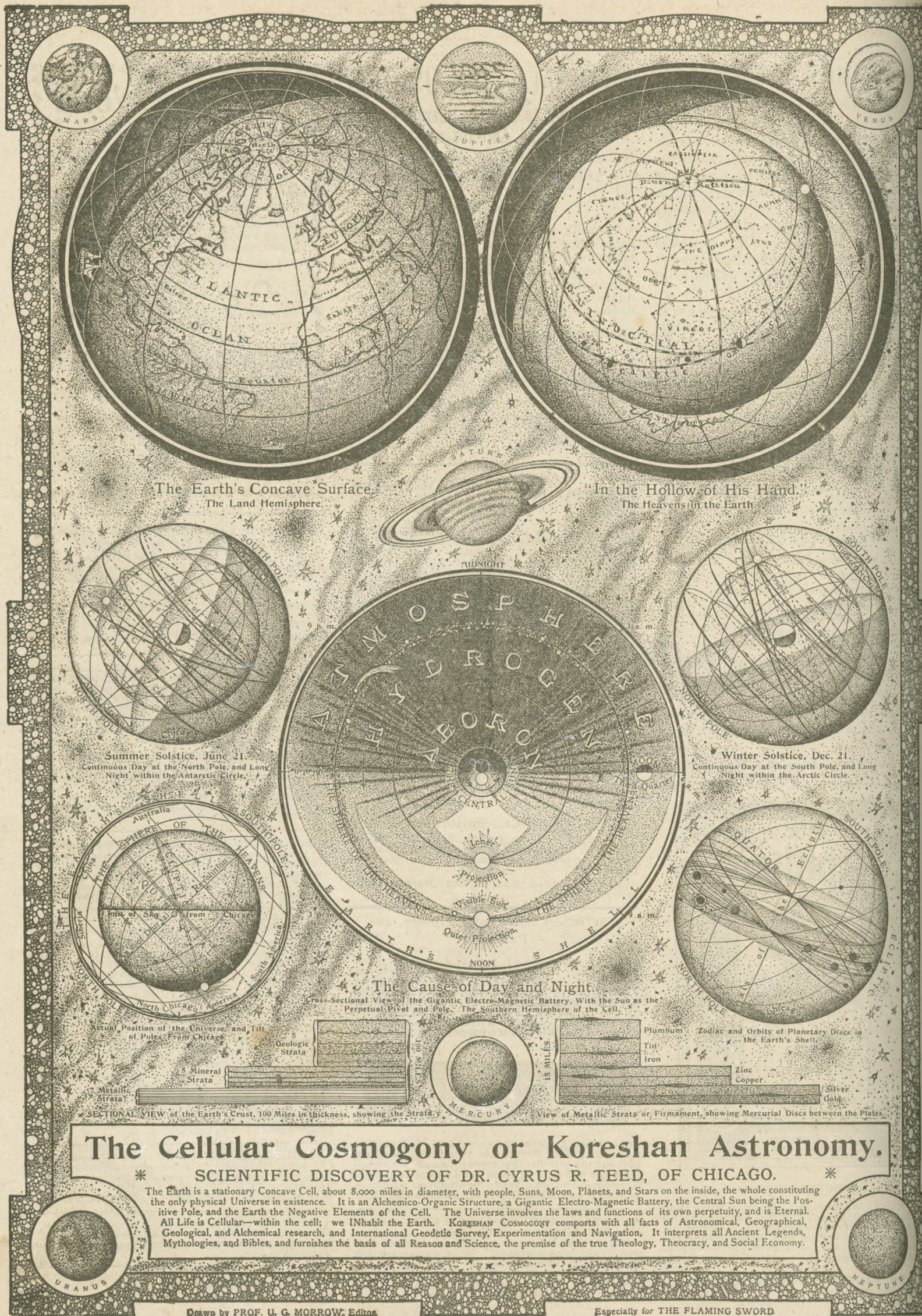
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